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**Rep Lemmons' HB 5470 for Medical Marijuana  
Has a Hearing in the House  
Government Operations Committee**

LANSING, MICHIGAN — On Tuesday, Nov. 28, the House Committee on Government Operations will hold a hearing on HB 5470, the Michigan Medical Marijuana Act, introduced by Rep. Lamar Lemmons III (D-Wayne County). Rep. Lemmons asserts, "Its time for compassion to supplant inflexible dogma in this matter". The measure, similar to laws now in effect in Alaska, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine, Montana, Nevada, Oregon, Rhode Island, Vermont, and Washington, would protect seriously ill patients using medical marijuana with their physician's recommendation from arrest and jail.

**WHO:** Scheduled speakers include:

***Irvin Rosenfeld*, one of five surviving patients still receiving medical marijuana from the U.S. Government, in a program closed to new patients in 1992. Rosenfeld, a Florida stockbroker who suffers from a rare and painful condition called multiple congenital cartilaginous exostosis, has been receiving government marijuana since 1982.**

*Rochelle Lampkin*, multiple sclerosis patient from Detroit.

*Martin Chilcutt*, Navy veteran from Kalamazoo, who used medical marijuana to relieve pain and nausea caused by cancer chemotherapy.

*Don Murphy (R)*, former Maryland state legislator; executive director, Republicans for Compassionate Access who led the successful effort to dramatically reduce the penalties for those caught with medical marijuana in his state

*Rep. Penny Bacchiochi (R)*, Connecticut state legislator who is a few votes shy from legalizing medical marijuana in her state

**WHEN:** Tuesday, Nov. 28, 10:30 a.m.

**WHERE:** Room 326, House Office Building, corner of Ottawa St. and North Capitol Ave.

Rep Lemmons further adds, " HB 5470 is a perfect segue into my HB 6311 which changes the current law which criminalizes anyone who is caught driving with any amount of THC, the active ingredient in marijuana, no matter how infinitesimally small."

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**Rep Lemmons III Introduces HB 6311 To  
Counter MI Supreme Court Ruling on Trace  
Amounts of THC**

On June 21, 2006, the Michigan Supreme Court in a consolidated ruling, held that when any amount, no matter how minute, of the active ingredient of marijuana, 11- carboxy-THC, is detected in the bloodstream of anyone operating a motor vehicle, maybe prosecuted on a DUI charge. This is a dangerously ill-conceived legal precedent which paves the way for legalized abuses, in terms of the criminalization of inadvertent exposure to second hand marijuana smoke; career-killing stigmatization of many who have never consciously used marijuana in their lives; a further erosion against the constitutional rights protecting against self-incrimination and the invasion of privacy; and an exacerbation of the insidiously pervasive, scourge of the national African-American Community – Racial Profiling.

In December of 2005, Rep Lemmons III introduced a compassionate medical marijuana bill, HB 5470, to alleviate the intolerable pain of many Michigan residents suffering from debilitating diseases; i.e. cancer, multiple sclerosis, etc. With bipartisan and popular support grow for this humane, proposed legislation, the Michigan Supreme Court muddies the waters with this potentially disastrous legal sinkhole which threatens to swallow many innocent citizens.

Rep Lemmons warns, “The broad ramifications of this ruling should be a wake-up call to all Michigan residents to save the constitutionally guaranteed liberties which have defined what it is to be an American.”

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